

**RID (Rule Interpretation Decision)**

(Use additional sheets as necessary)

Type of RID		Requested Response Time	DSD Assigned RID #
Customer RID	?	24 hours	?
Internal Staff RID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10 working days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		As time available	?

**1. Project Name:** Veterinary Use Definition**2. Project Number:** NA

(Plat #, Zoning Case #, etc.)

**3. Project Street Address:** NA

(If not available nearest intersection of two public streets)

**4. Applicant Name:** John Jacks**5. Applicant Address:** Development Services Department**6. Applicant Telephone #:** 207- 7206**7. Applicant e-mail Address:** jjacks@sanantonio.gov**8. Rule in Question:**

(Section and/or policy of UDC, Building Code, Master Plan, etc)

Appendix "A" of Chapter 35 does not have a definition of Veterinary Clinic or Veterinary Hospital

**9. Applicant's Position:**

(Including date position presented and name of city staff point of contact)

**Date:** NA**Contact:** NA**Contact Telephone #:** NA

Staff request that definitions for Veterinary Clinic and Veterinary Hospital be addressed by means of a RID as ongoing policy and then as an amendment to Appendix "A" of the Unified Development Code.

## 10. Staff Finding:

(Including date of finding and name of city staff person formulating finding)

**Date:** July 1, 2004

**Contact:** John Jacks

**Contact Telephone #:** 207-7206

Staff research into the definition of the two items indicates the following as potential definitions for use with the zoning provisions of the UDC.

“Animal/Veterinary Clinic” a facility for the prevention, treatment, minor surgery, cure, or alleviation of disease and/or injury in small domestic animals, such as household pets, with all care conducted within a completely enclosed building, provided that noise and/or odors created by activities within the building are not perceptible beyond the property line, and that no animals are kept outside the building at any time. Overnight boarding of animals is permitted unless expressly prohibited by the zoning district regulations.

“Veterinary Hospital” a facility for the prevention, treatment, minor surgery, cure, or alleviation of disease and/or injury of large animals, such as livestock, and include outside runs, paddocks and pens.

## 11. Staff Position:

(Including date position presented internally and name of city staff person formulating position)

**Date:** July 1, 2004

**Contact:** John Jacks

**Contact Telephone #:** 207-7206

Staff urges adoption of the two above definitions as departmental policy rulings and recommends amending the Unified Development Code’s Appendix “A” Definitions to include them.

## 12. Departmental Policy or Action:

(Including date of presentation of policy or action to the applicant, the effective date of the policy or action, schedule for pursuing an amendment to the code if required and signature of the Director of Development Services)

**Date of policy/action:** July 29, 2004

**Effective Date of policy/action:** Immediate

The Director agrees with staff’s finding and directs that the two definitions shall be used when determining proper “veterinary uses” within zoning districts and directs that an amendment be prepared to incorporate the two definitions in the UDC as follows:

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Development Services Department